

INCOME TAX CHECKOFF CHANGES

Prior Law _____

Only four income tax return checkoffs are allowed on the income tax return. When the same four checkoffs are on the return for two years in a row, the two checkoffs with the least amount contributed are automatically repealed. The income tax checkoffs on the 2015 individual income tax return were Fish and Game Protection Fund, Iowa State Fair Foundation Fund, Veterans Trust Fund and Volunteer Fire Fighter Preparedness Fund, and Child Abuse Prevention Program Fund.

New Provisions _____

2016 Iowa Acts House File 2459 provides that the same checkoffs that were on the 2015 individual income tax return will be in place until January 1, 2018, for the 2016, 2017 and 2018 individual income tax returns. Therefore, the income tax checkoffs will be Fish and Game Protection Fund, Iowa State Fair Foundation Fund, Veterans Trust Fund and Volunteer Fire Fighter Preparedness Fund, and Child Abuse Prevention Program Fund, no matter the amount of contribution, on the 2016, 2017, and 2018 individual income tax returns.

After January 1, 2019, only four income tax return checkoffs will be allowed on the income tax return, and for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, the automatic repeal provisions that were previously in place will be applicable again.

Section Amended _____

Sections 33 to 35 of 2016 Iowa Acts House File 2459 amend Section 422.12E, Code 2016.

Effective Date _____

July 1, 2016, retroactive to January 1, 2016, for tax years beginning on or after that date.